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Those wandering at night amidst lockdown will face strict legal actions:
DGP Shivanand Jha

Gandhinagar, Thursday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that it has come to the notice of the police that the lockdown enforced to prevent transmission of the virus is not being abided by in certain areas. He cautioned people against roaming around at night as this can lead to strict actions being taken against them for violation of lockdown.

A special action plan has been laid down to find citizens roaming around during the night. They will be identified using thermal drones. And surveillance using thermal drones with night vision will be done in areas declared as containment zone in Ahmedabad. There will also be intensive patrolling by the Cops on horses. Under this plan, the police have also been instructed to use private vehicles as people run away on spotting police vans or jeeps from far.

Technology has come to the aid of police and they are using it substantially to keep a vigilant eye on the movement of people in the city through CCTV cameras, drones, and ANPR. The Intelligence Bureau has also been instructed to keep a watch. Based on the inputs received from the Intelligence Bureau, 8 cases of lockdown breach were registered yesterday while 590 cases were registered across the state during the month.

Strict adherence to social distancing is the need of the hour. The police have received complaints on police helpline number 100 of areas where social distancing is not being followed. About 74 crimes have been registered in the state through this medium.

Talking about attacks on Corona Warriors, Mr. Jha said the police will not tolerate this act and strict actions will be taken against the attackers. The attackers will be booked under PASA.

Throwing light on the significant use of drones and CCTV during the lockdown, Mr. Jha said that, the cities and towns are being thoroughly observed through drone surveillance. 303 crimes have been registered through drones. A total of 19608 people have been arrested for 10098 offenses to date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 124 individuals have been arrested for 97 crimes reported through the CCTV network tallying up to 3016 individuals for 2005 crimes. Additionally, 39 crimes have been registered so far and 64 people have been arrested through CCTV’s in residential societies.

Similarly, through social media, in connection with spreading fake messages and rumors, so far 479 crimes have been registered and 938 accused have been arrested. 913 and 537 offenses have been registered, respectively, through videography and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR). 334 offenses have been registered so far with mounted cameras special 'Prahari' Van.

Cases that have been registered so far include 2715 of the violation of lockdown, 962 against violating home quarantine, and 506 other cases. 10,488 vehicles have been
seized in the state, added Mr. Jha. Police have released 1,14,950 detained vehicles so far.